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TO: Medicaid Providers

SUBJECT: New Electronic Health Record System

The South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is pleased to announce the statewide launch of a free electronic health records system called the South Carolina Health Information Exchange (SCHIEx).

SCHIEx is a web-based tool that gives providers up to ten years of Medicaid beneficiaries' health history based on paid Medicaid claims. SCHIEx was developed to place Medicaid data in the hands of providers so they can make optimal decisions concerning patient care. SCHIEx was successfully piloted with several South Carolina health care providers and features valuable information that can aid in treatment, including:

- Past diagnoses
- Past and current medications
- Provider visit and hospitalization history
- Lab results and immunization records will be included in the future

Because patient privacy is a priority, SCHIEx is transmitted through a secure, password protected web portal that utilizes the highest standards in Internet security. SCHIEx is HIPAA compliant and Medicaid beneficiaries who do not wish to participate can opt out.

Please visit www.schiex.org to view a demonstration and learn how to register. Remember, it is a free service and SCDHHS encourages all providers to explore the wealth of information SCHIEx can bring you.

SCHIEx was developed in conjunction with the SC Office of Research and Statistics, The SC Hospital Association, the SC Primary Health Care Association, the Rural Health Association and the SC Free Clinic Association.

/s/

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